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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Alfred McCormack, State Dept.;
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Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis, CNI;
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SUBJECT: Disposition of [REDACTED]
REFERENCE: Report of ad hoc Committee.

I. The Problem:

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1. Disposition of the [REDACTED]

II. Discussion:

1. In order to supplement the discussion in reference Report, each of the State Department (R&I), Navy Department (ONI), and War Department (G-2) representatives, was asked whether or not the agency he represented could--if required--operate the [REDACTED] STATSPEC

2. The answer, in each case, was affirmative, with certain reservations peculiar to the agency making the answer.

3. Further investigation by the Steering Member of the ad hoc Committee showed that:

- a. Negotiations have been carried on whereby, with the approval of the Director of the Budget, the inventory of the FCC material items now on loan to G-2, will be transferred from FCC to G-2.

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- b. Personnel and supply of the [REDACTED] are now handled by various War Department agencies, for G-2 (which operates the service), as follows:-

- (1) Personnel in part by Office of the Chief of Staff;
(2) Supply (and in some cases parts of the personnel) by Army Service Forces; C.G., Mid-Pacific Theatre; C.G., Washington Military District; 9th Service Command;

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- (3) [REDACTED]

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4. It is obvious that it would take considerable time for these scattered supply and personnel responsibilities to be centralized. Local agencies adequately handle the responsibilities for the staffs in their areas and there is not sufficient time remaining in the current fiscal year to accomplish centralization.

5. It has been pointed out, by the G-2 representative, that-- although no subscribers have complained of the material furnished them, "operational decisions affecting this material have been pointed mainly toward satisfying G-2 needs rather than the needs of others (and) it is doubtful that unilateral action by G-2 could correct this situation". Proper directives by C.I.G. would correct the situation.

6. Inquiry has shown that the present subscribers as covered by the list taken over from FCC and added to now-and-then by requests of Congressmen and others, include some individuals, organizations, etc., which might better be stricken from the list. Proper directives by C.I.G., covering dissemination, would correct the list.

III. Conclusions:

1. It is ~~concluded~~ ^{STATSPEC} that--at least for the fiscal year 1947--the operation of [REDACTED] by G-2, W.D.G.S., should be continued, subject to such personnel changes as G-2 may find to be necessary.

2. It is concluded, further, that the necessary improvements in coverage, service and dissemination can be effected by C.I.G. Directives and that, through the issue of appropriate Directives, the Central Intelligence Group will fulfill its mission of coordination of the collection and dissemination of intelligence information.

IV. Recommendations:

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1. It is recommended that the operation of [REDACTED] by G-2, W.D.G.S., be continued for the fiscal year 1947, under directives as to coverage, service, dissemination, etc., to be issued by the Director of Central Intelligence, as required adequately to satisfy the needs of intelligence agencies of the federal government.

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